





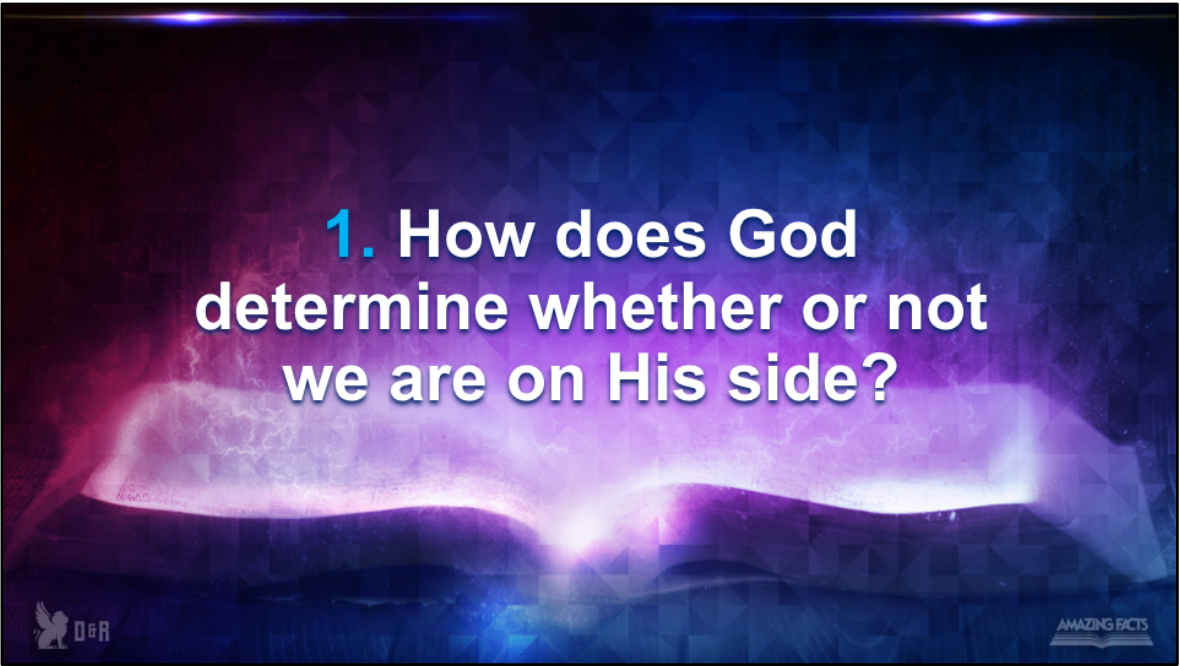


Peter loved Jesus, but he also loved the approval of the crowd. During the last supper when Jesus warned the apostles that they would all forsake Him, Peter jumped to his feet and brashly vowed that even if all others would be offended, he would never forsake Him. Jesus replied, "This night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." Verse 34.

Peter meant well, but he did not recognize the pride in his own heart. Later that night when the mob came to arrest Jesus and all were watching, Peter pulled out a sword to defend His Master. But just a few hours later at His trial, as Peter was being mocked by the enemies of Jesus, he denied three times that he even knew Him. Each time Peter became more bold, until he finally denied Him with swearing and cursing (Verse 74).

Then the rooster crowed. At that very moment, Jesus was in the judgment hall, being beaten by the guards. Peter saw Jesus turn and look at him with love and compassion, and it broke his heart. "And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly." Luke 22:61, 62.

From that day forward, Peter was a different man. He no longer lived to please the crowd, but was determined to please only God. After his conversion, when brought before the Jewish council and threatened with beating if he continued preaching about Jesus, Peter fearlessly answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Peter forever proved his loyalty and love for Jesus when he chose to be crucified upside down by the Roman emperor Nero rather than to deny his Lord again.



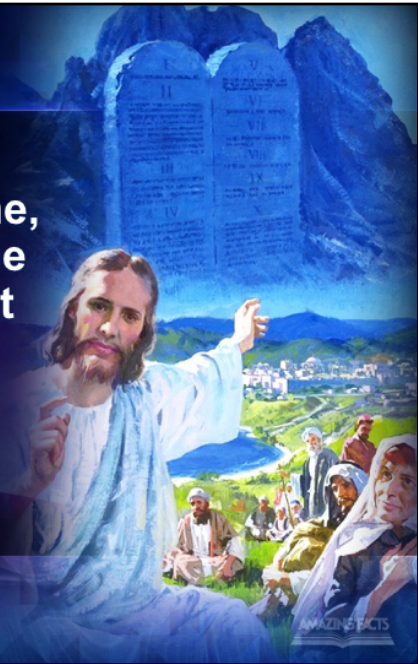
**1. How does God
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we are on His side?**

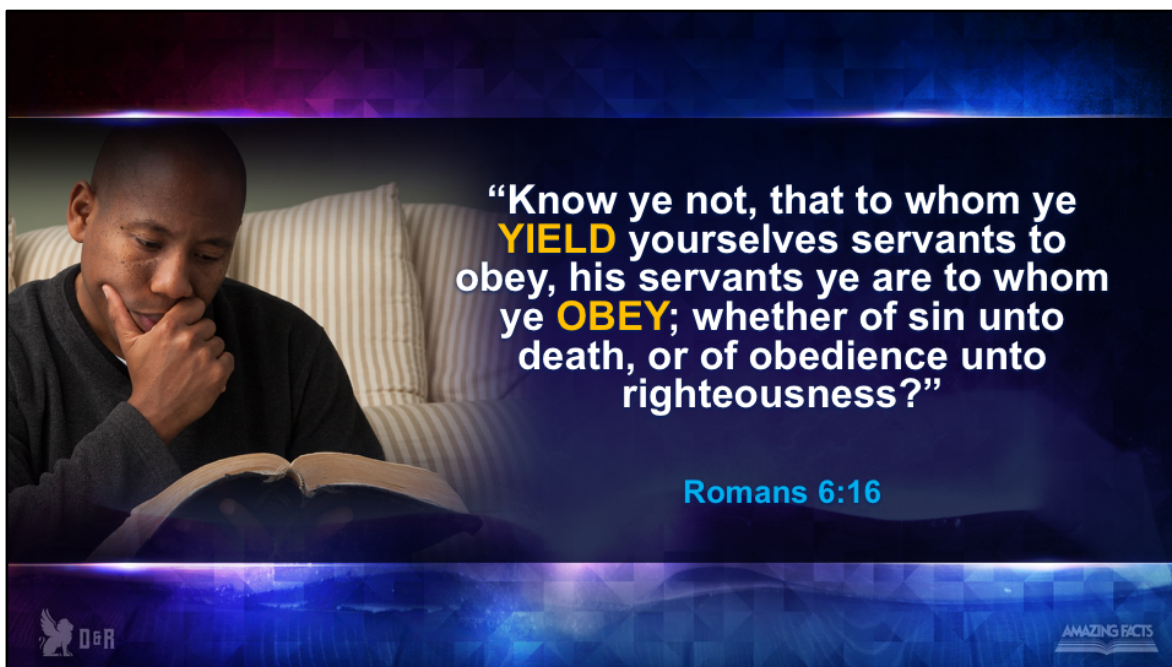


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“Not everyone that saith unto me,
Lord, Lord, shall **ENTER** into the
kingdom of heaven; but he that
DOETH the will of my Father
which is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21





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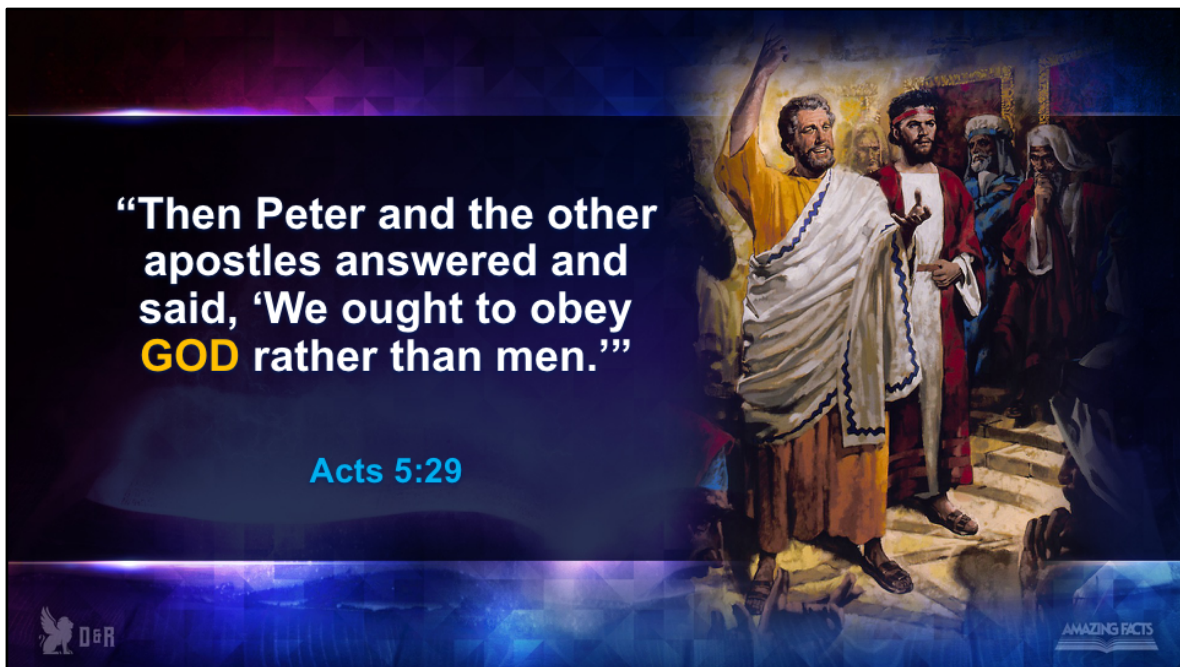
It is a simple principle that our loyalties are determined by who we listen to. If we say we are servants of God but take our instructions from the devil or the world, we are deceiving ourselves.



**2. When the commands of God
and men conflict, whom did
Peter say we should obey?**




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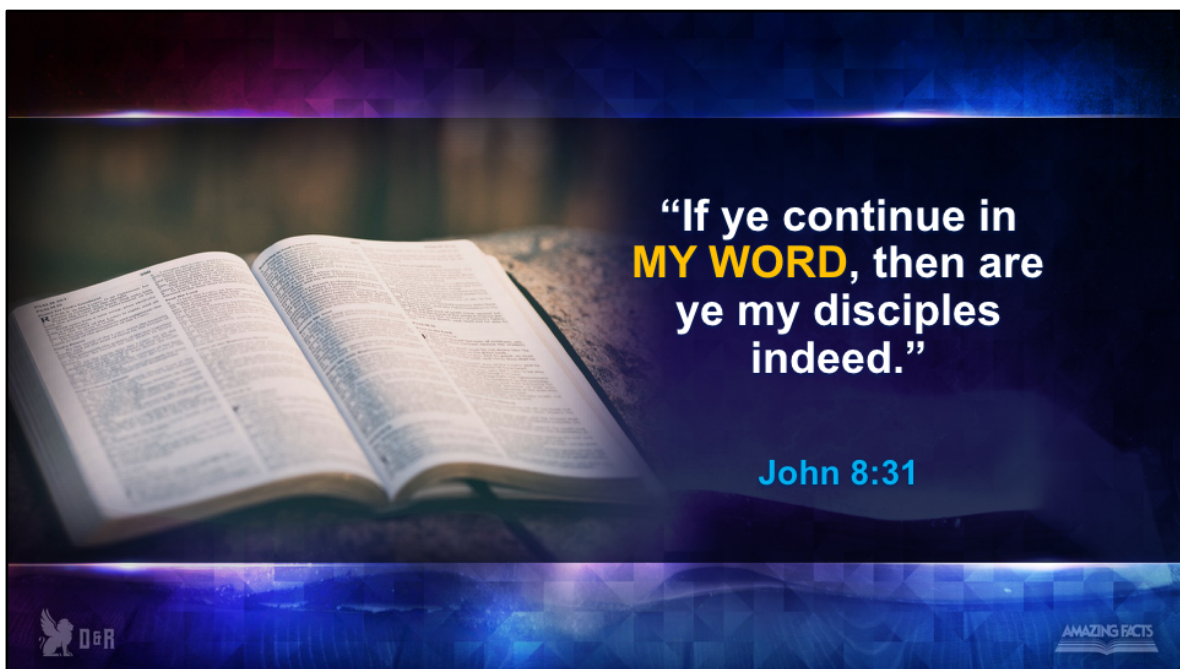
After Peter was converted and fell in love with Jesus, he told the Jewish council that his first allegiance was to God. We have learned that in the last days, the laws of the beast and the world will conflict with the laws of God. We must choose now to obey the laws of God--regardless of the consequences.

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3. How do we best demonstrate our love for God?



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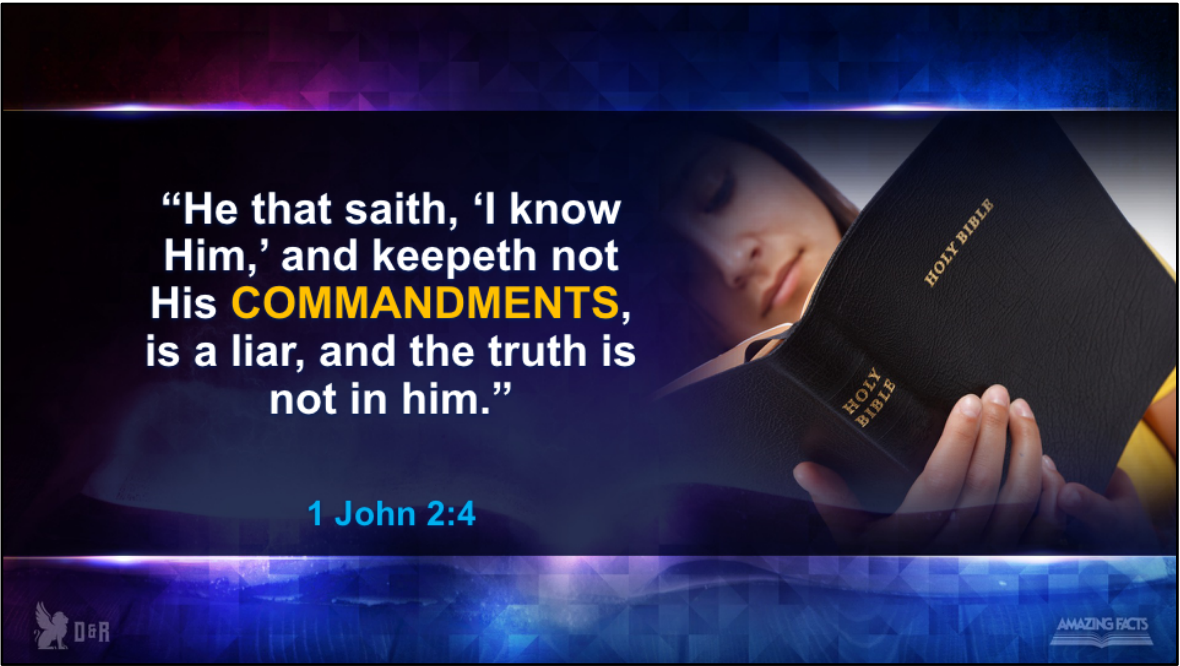
The best demonstration of a person's love for Jesus is to do His will, and the law of God is the most perfect expression of His will (Psalms 40:8).

“If ye love me, **KEEP**
my commandments.”

John 14:15



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“He that saith, ‘I know
Him,’ and keepeth not
His **COMMANDMENTS**,
is a liar, and the truth is
not in him.”

1 John 2:4



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**“For whoever shall keep
the whole law, and yet
stumble in one point, he
is guilty of all.”**

James 2:10



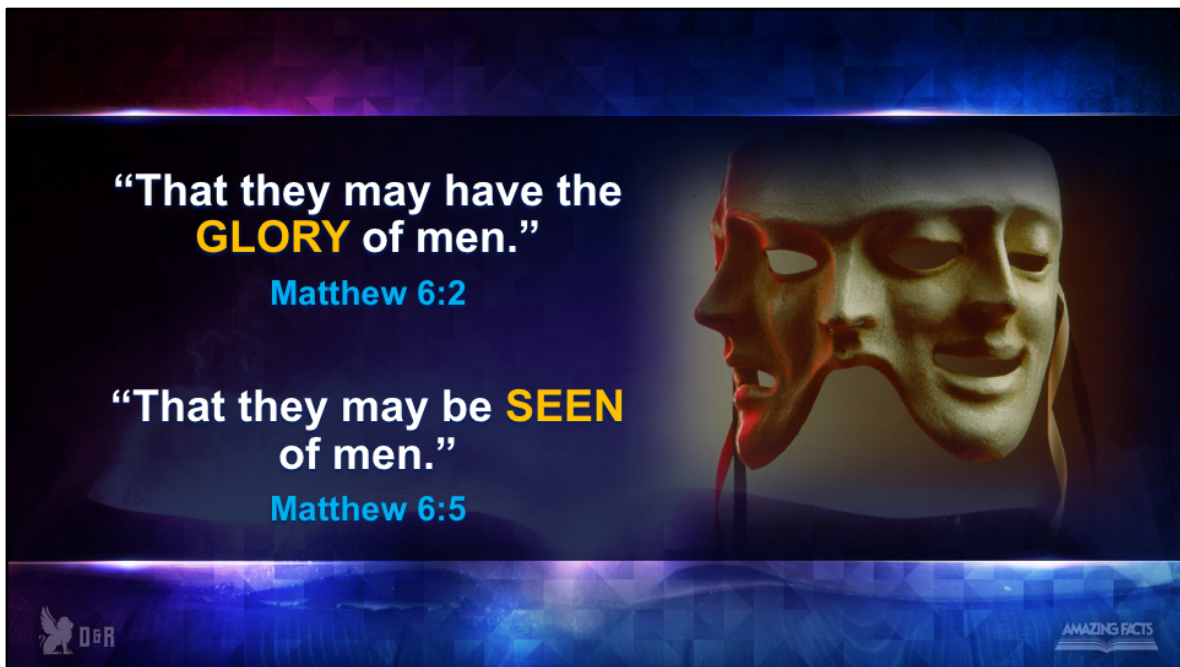
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**4. According to Jesus,
why did the hypocrites
act religious?**




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NOTE:

The Bible tells us that "man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7. A genuine Christian will be much more concerned about what God thinks of him than what the world thinks.



5. Is it generally safe to follow the crowd?



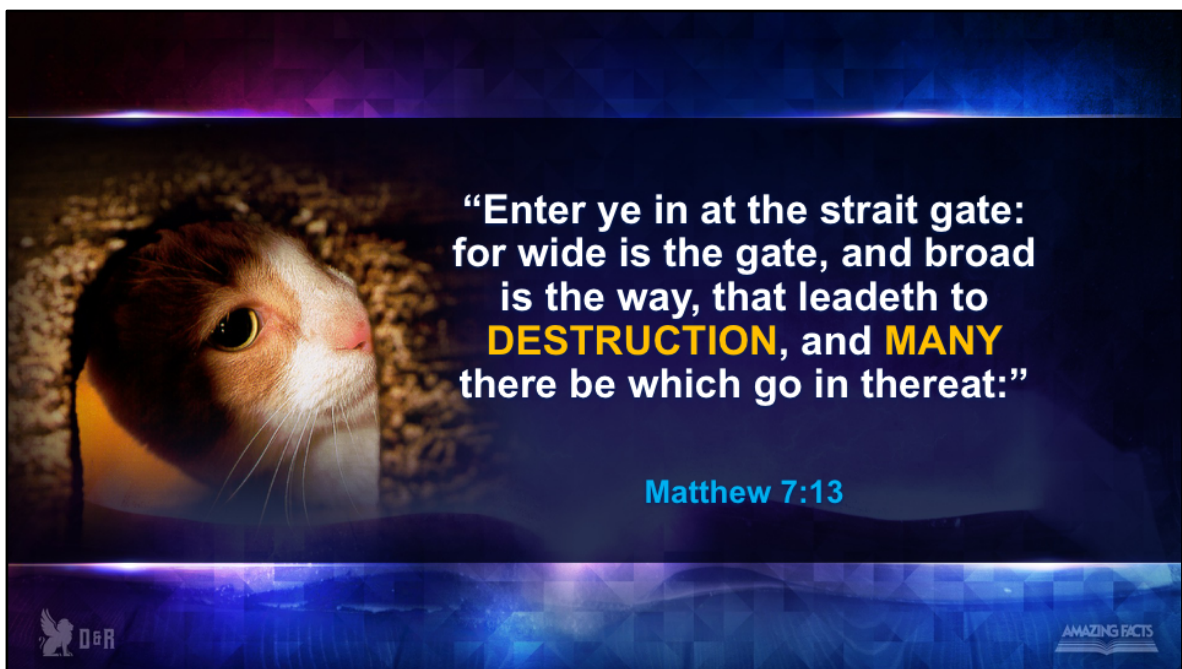
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“Thou shalt **NOT**
FOLLOW a multitude
to do evil.”

Exodus 23:2



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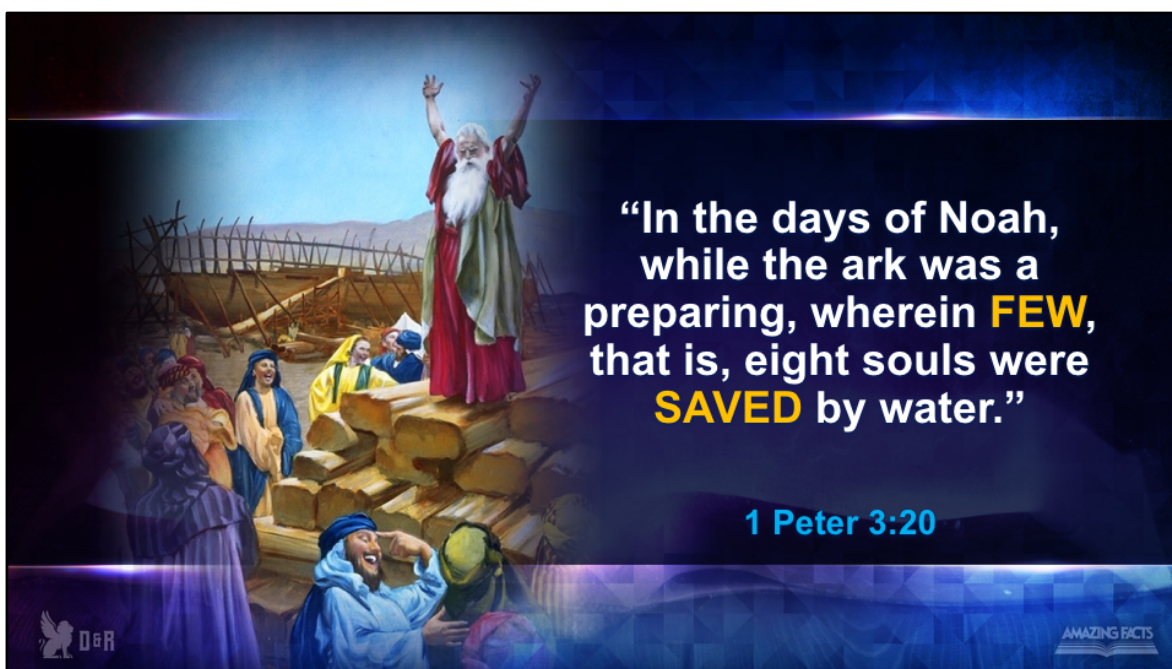


**“Because strait is the
gate, and narrow is the
way, which leadeth
unto life, and few there
be that find it.”**

Matthew 7:14



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NOTE:

History seems to indicate that the crowd almost always makes the wrong decisions. It was the crowd that wanted to stone Moses and go back to the slavery of Egypt (Numbers 14:4-10). It was the crowd that cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him." Luke 23:21. And it will be the majority--not the minority--who receive the mark of the beast in the last days (Revelation 13:16).



**6. How does Jesus feel
when we put the traditions
of men before the
commandments of God?**



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“Howbeit in **VAIN** do
they worship me,
teaching for doctrines
the commandments
of men.”

Mark 7:7



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**“And he said unto them,
‘Full well ye reject the
commandment of God,
that ye may keep your
OWN tradition.’”**

Mark 7:9

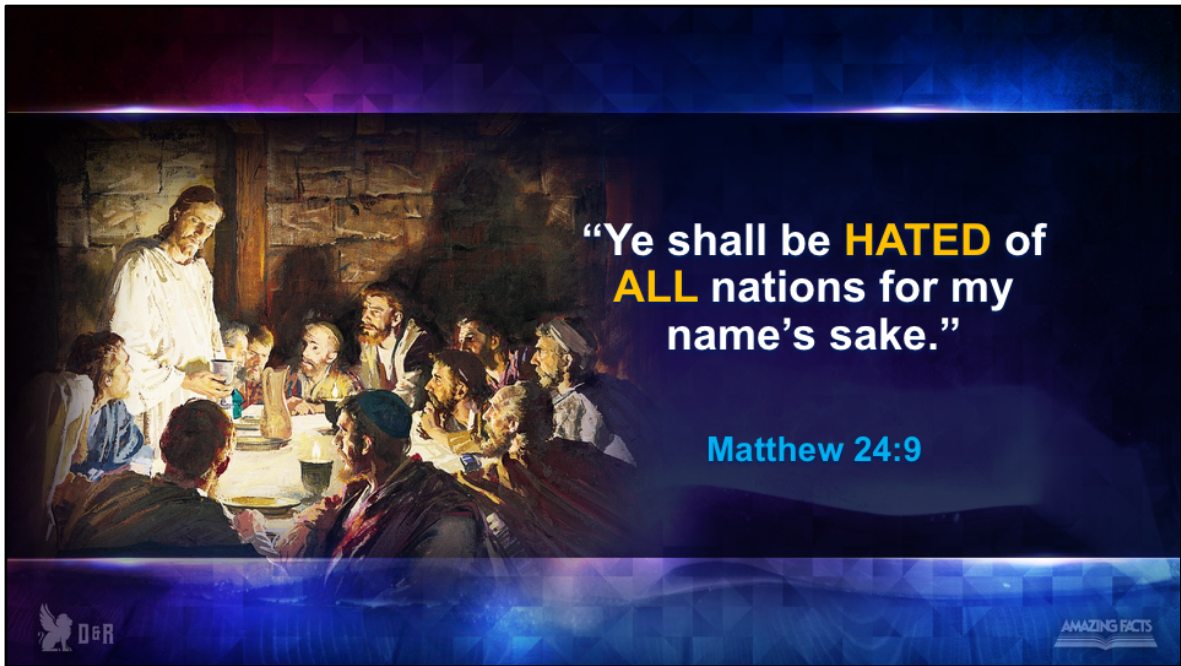


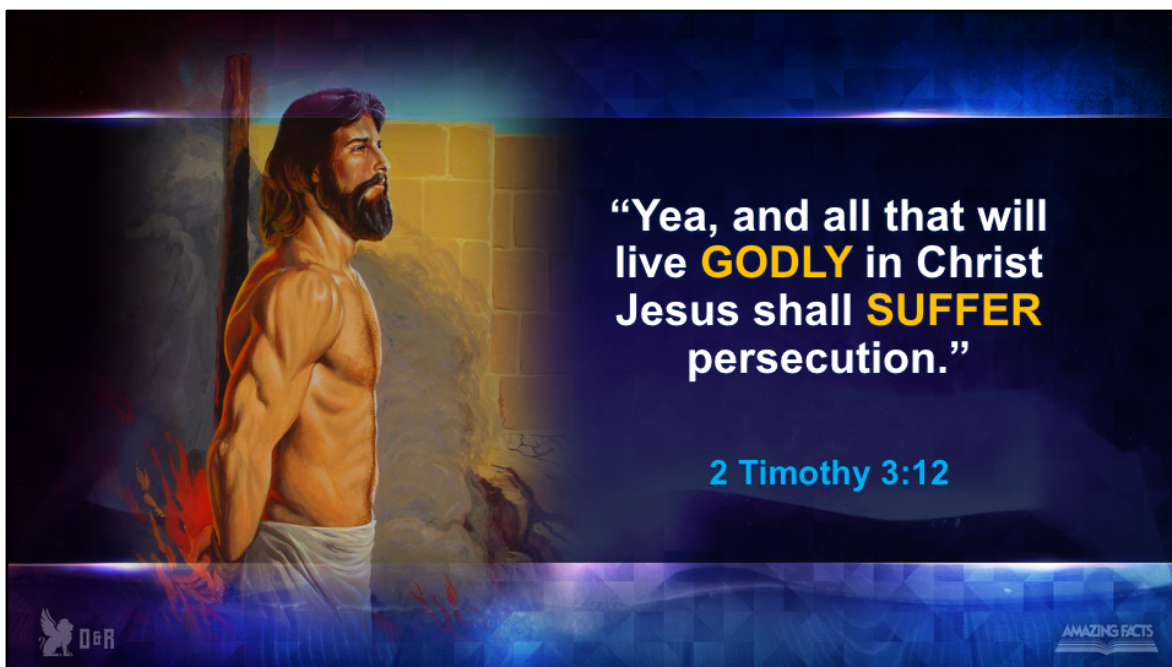
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7. Will true Christianity be popular in the last days?



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“Yea, and all that will
live **GODLY** in Christ
Jesus shall **SUFFER**
persecution.”

2 Timothy 3:12



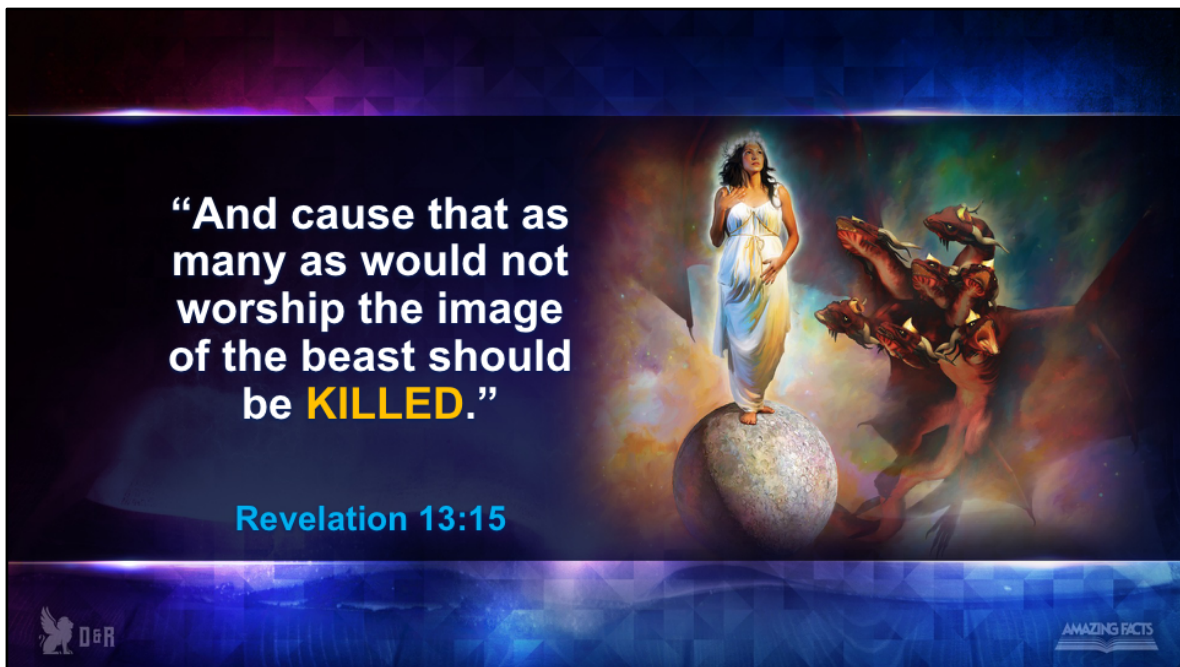
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“And the dragon
was wroth with the
woman, and went to
make **WAR** with the
REMNANT of her
seed.”

Revelation 12:17



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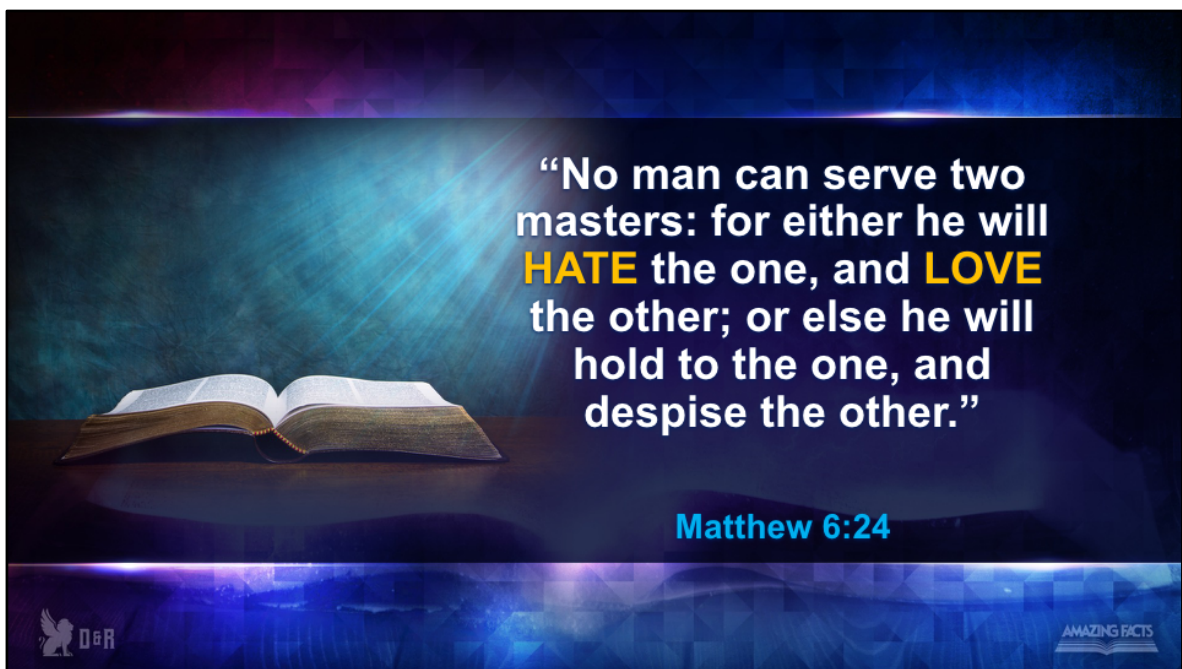
NOTE:

In the last days, Satan and his followers will wage an all-out war against God's genuine, Bible-believing children.

**8. Is it possible to serve
both God and the crowd?**



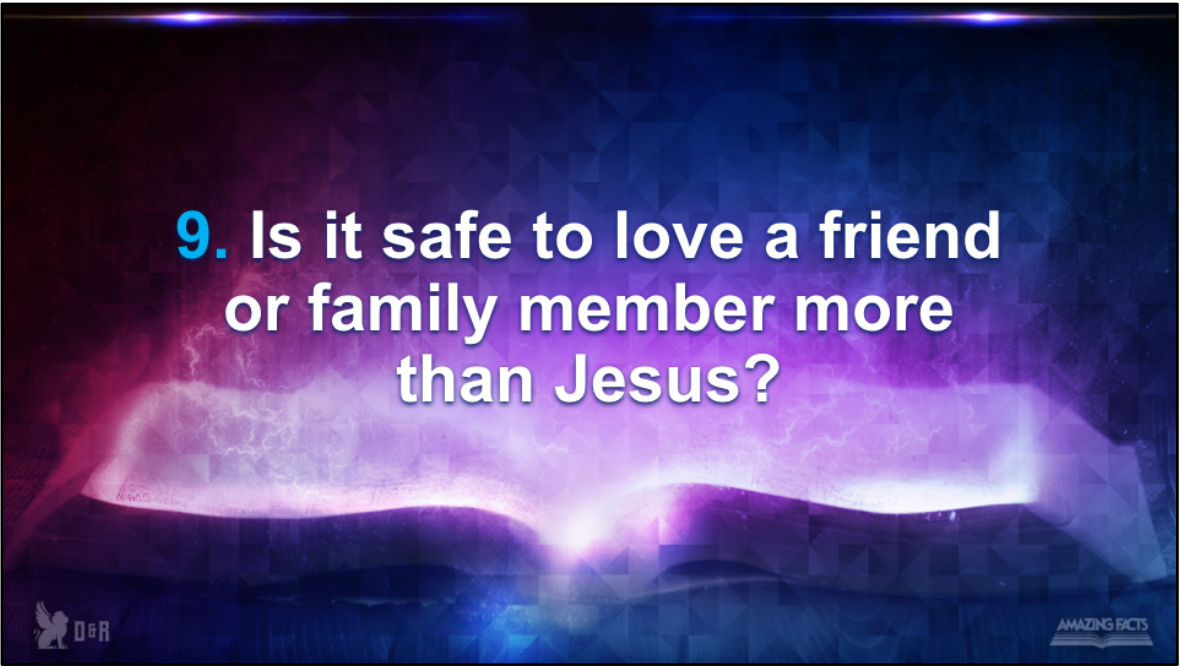
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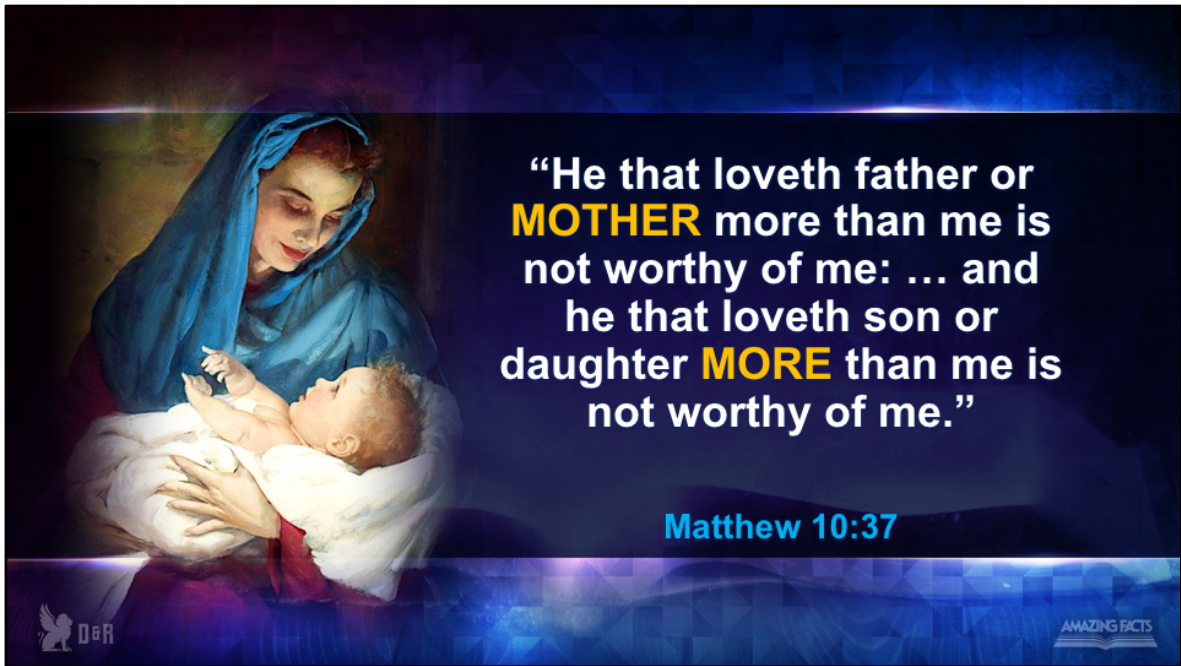
In this battle between Christ and Satan, there is no neutral territory. It is impossible to ride the fence as a spectator. If we are not cooperating with Jesus, we are in fact helping the devil.

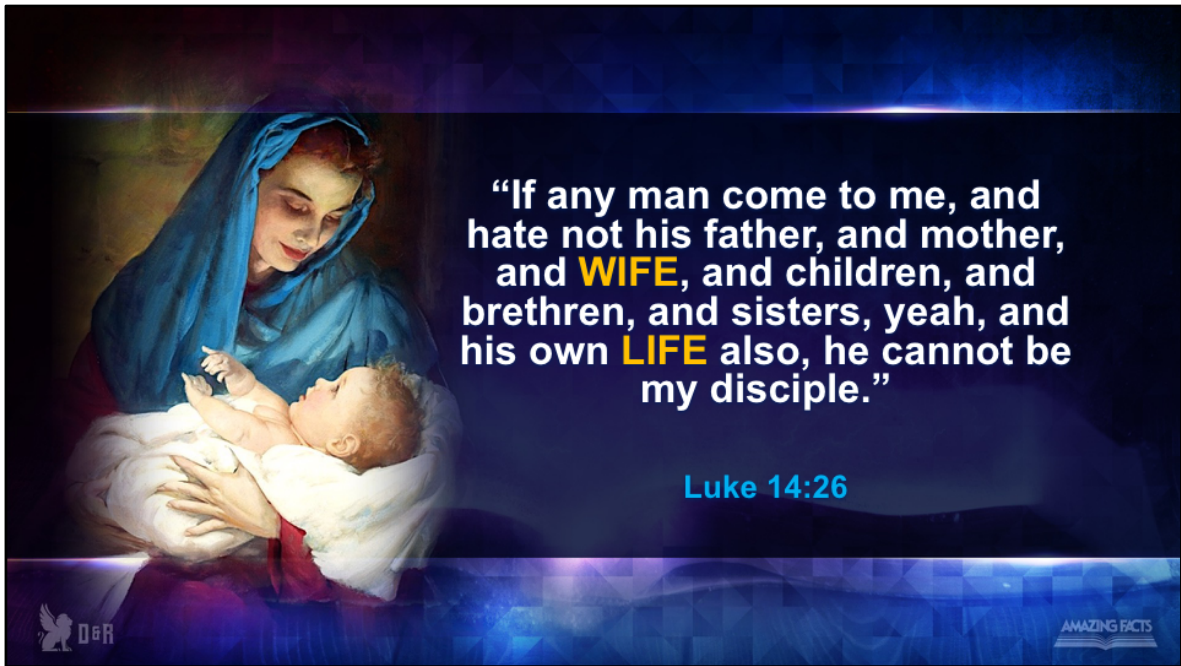


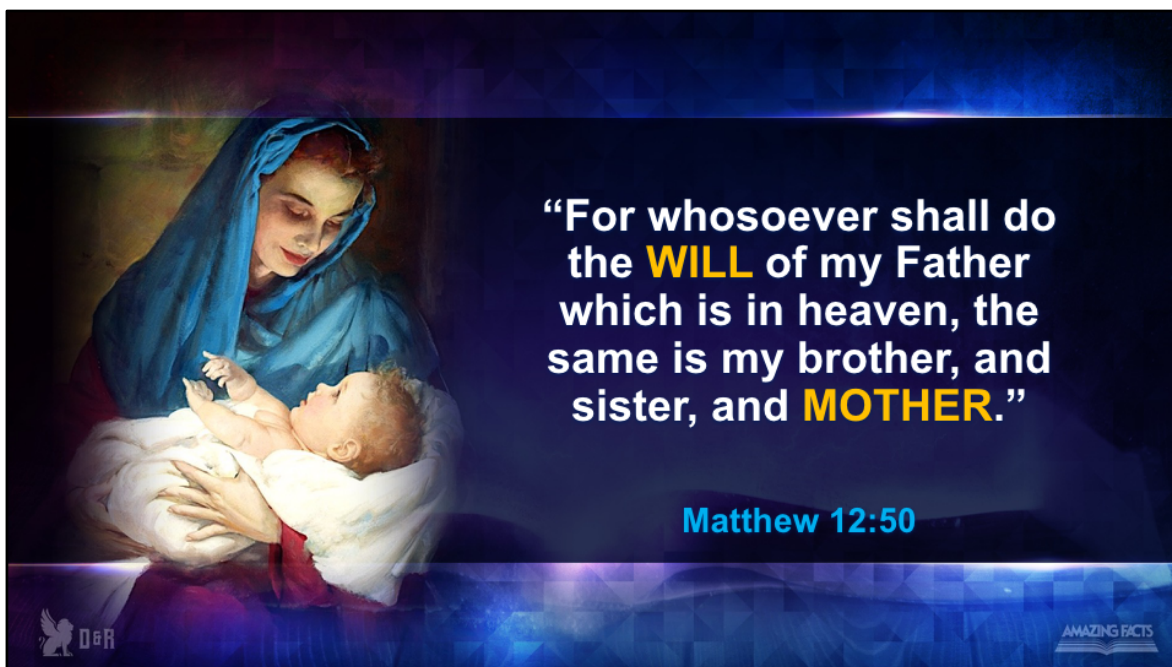
**9. Is it safe to love a friend
or family member more
than Jesus?**



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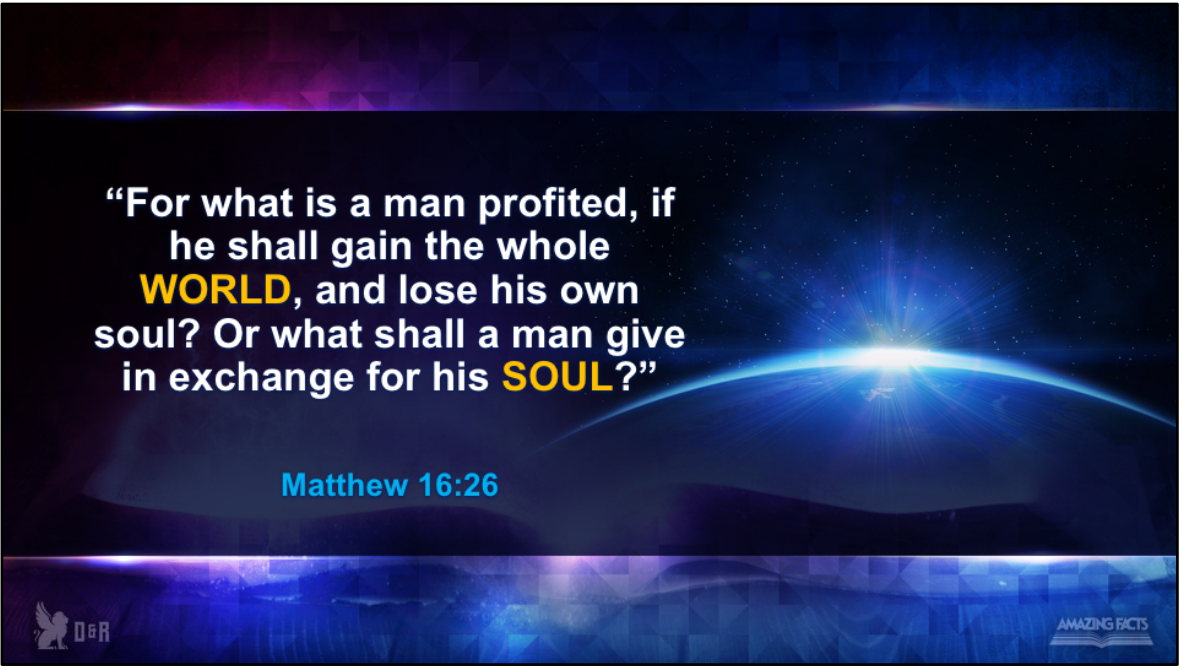
Jesus indicates here that the best way to help reach and save our loved ones is to put Him first in our lives. It is always a tragic mistake to put our natural affections for family or friends before our first obligation to our Saviour and Creator.

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**10. Is it wise to put a
prosperous career or earthly
treasures before Jesus?**



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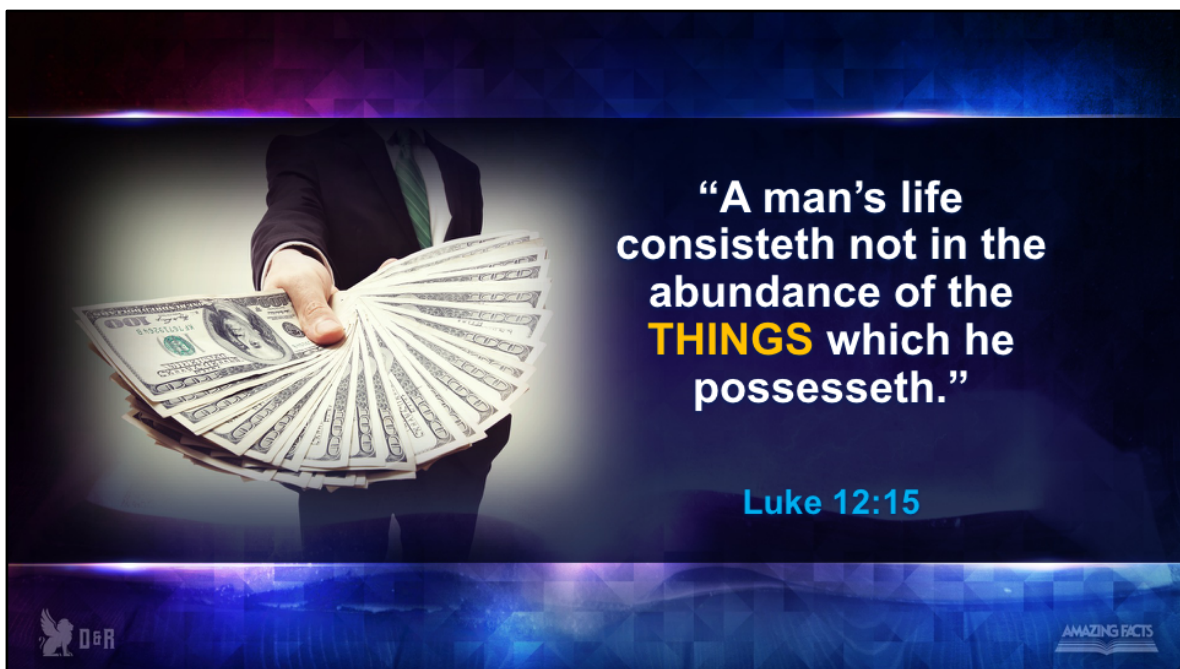


“For what is a man profited, if
he shall gain the whole
WORLD, and lose his own
soul? Or what shall a man give
in exchange for his **SOUL**?”

Matthew 16:26



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NOTE:

The belief that happiness and security comes from a good job and nice things is a deadly deception. On the contrary, Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25.



11. Is it safe to continue
disobeying God's will after He
has shown us the truth?



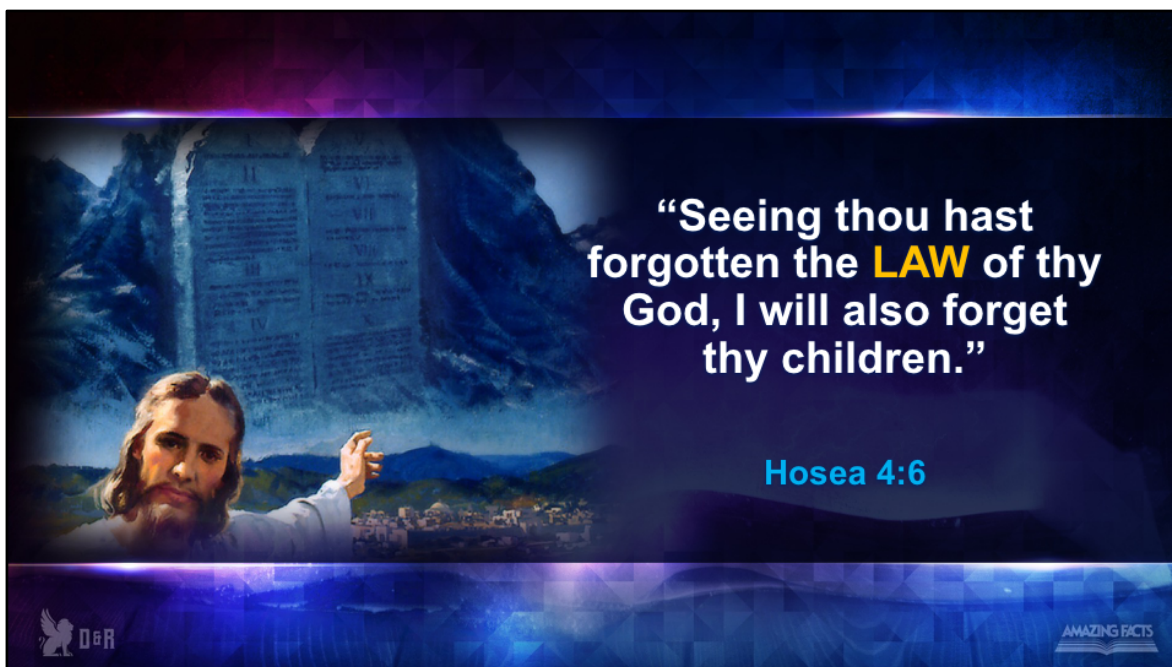
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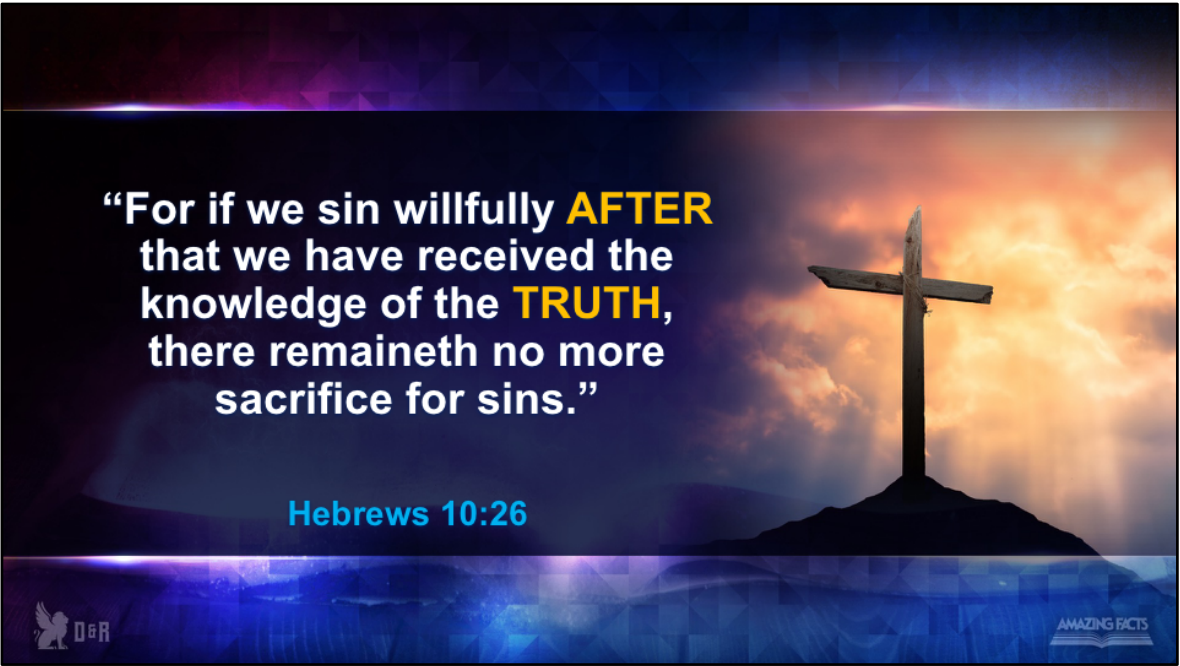
“My people are
DESTROYED for lack
of knowledge: because
thou hast **REJECTED**
knowledge, I will also
reject thee.”

Hosea 4:6



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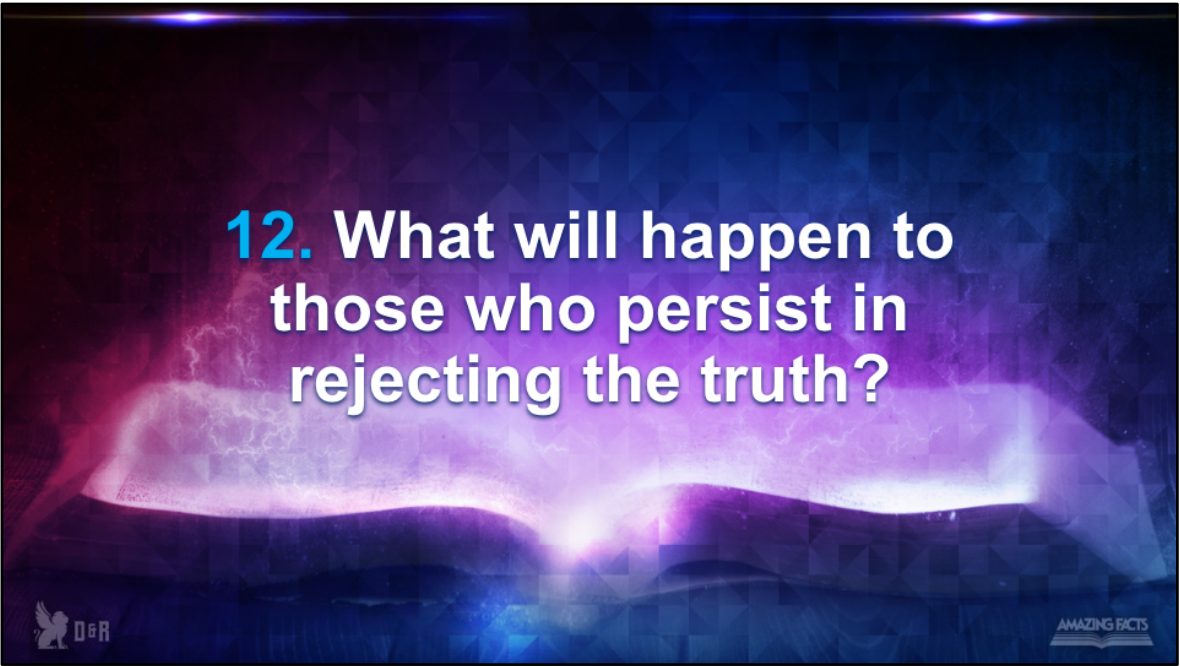


“For if we sin willfully **AFTER**
that we have received the
knowledge of the **TRUTH**,
there remaineth no more
sacrifice for sins.”

Hebrews 10:26



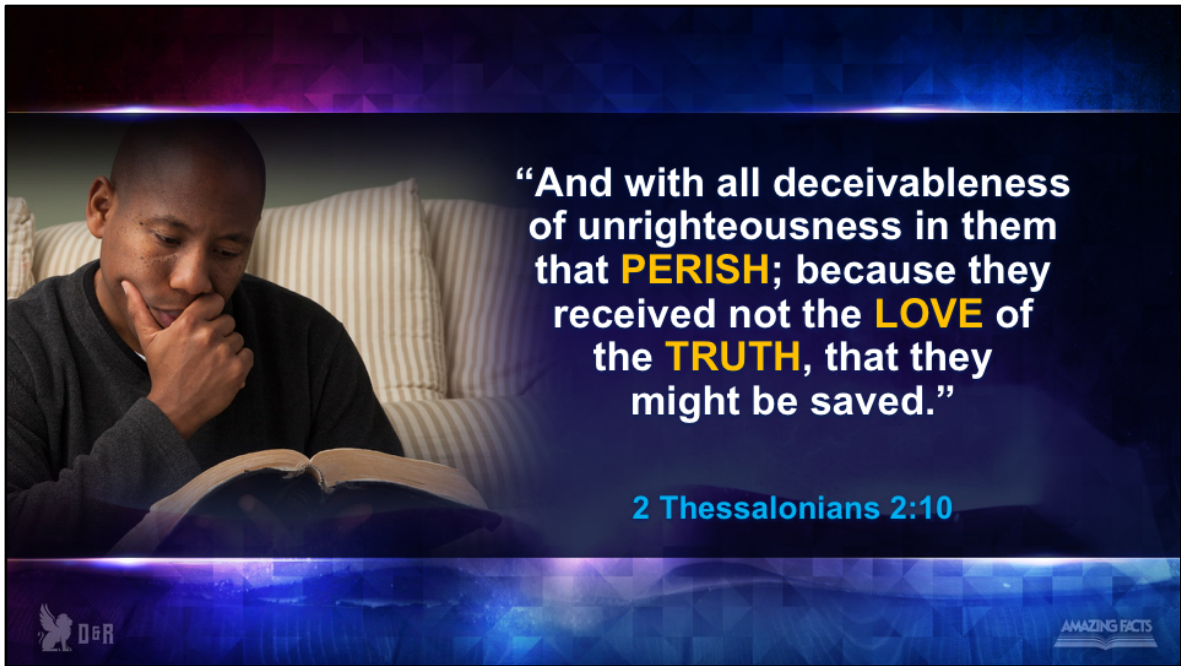
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**12. What will happen to
those who persist in
rejecting the truth?**



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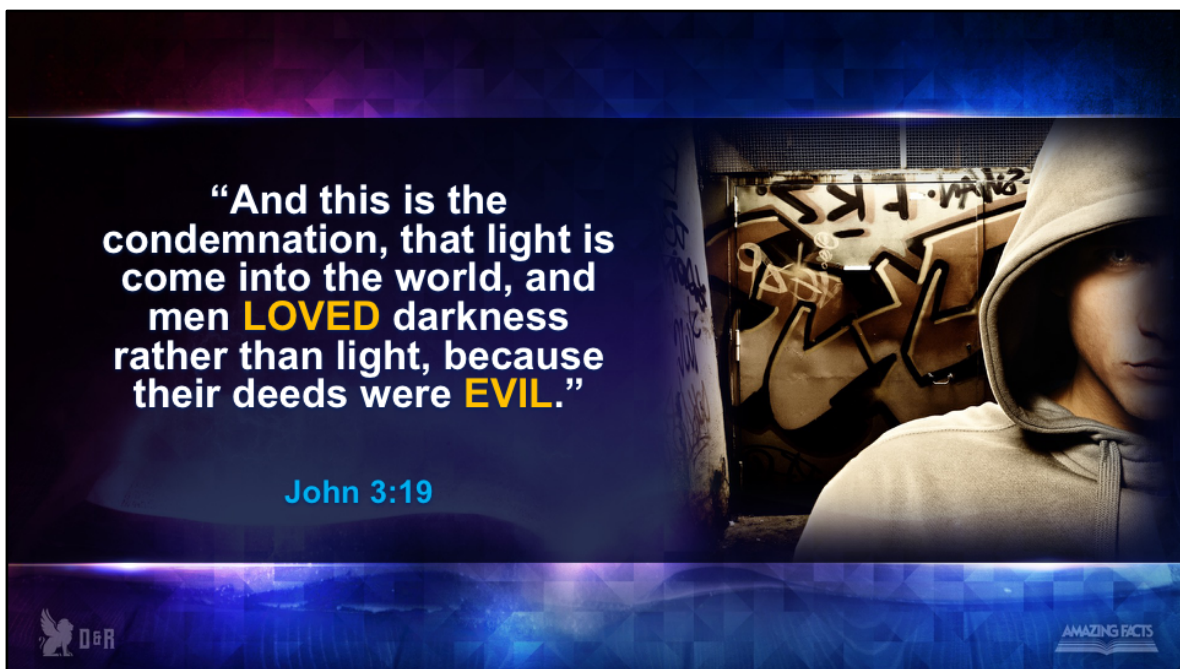


“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should **BELIEVE** a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12

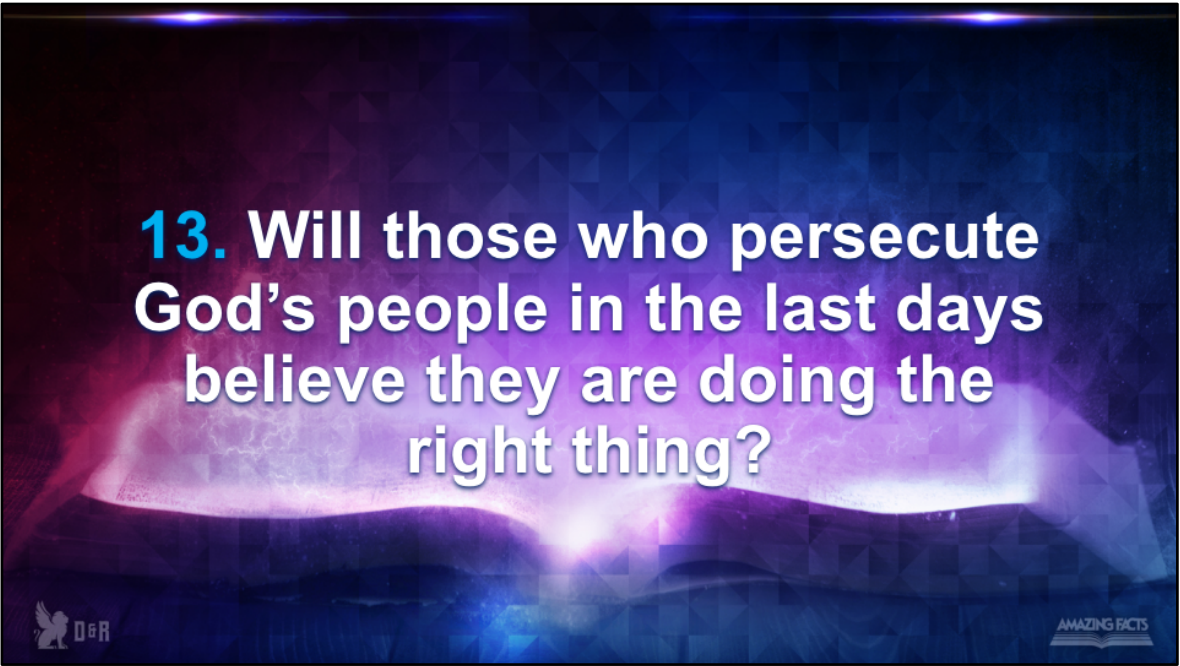


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NOTE:

The Scriptures teach that Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). To accept or reject the truth in any degree is to accept or reject Jesus.



13. Will those who persecute
God's people in the last days
believe they are doing the
right thing?



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“Yea, the time cometh,
that whosoever killeth
you will **THINK** that he
doeth God **SERVICE**.”

John 16:2



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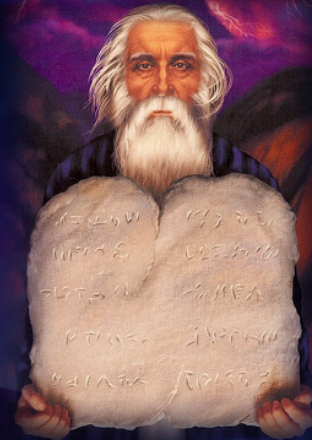
14. How did Peter describe those who have learned the truth but refuse to follow it?



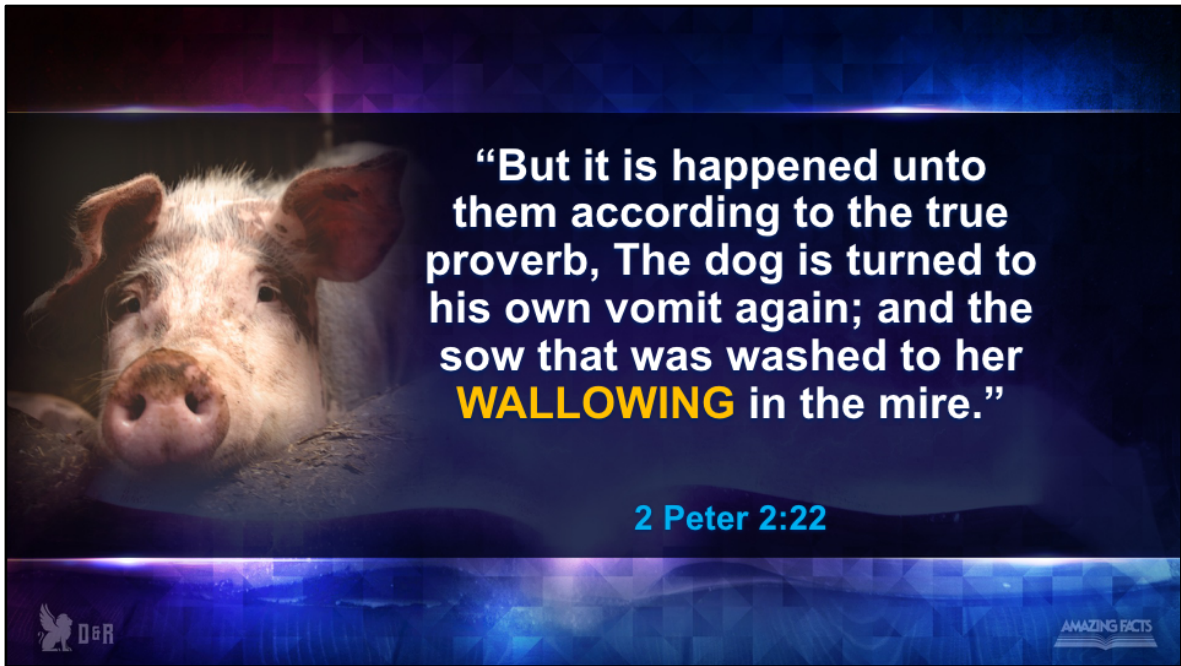
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“For it had been better for them
NOT to have known the way of
righteousness, than, after they
have known it, to **TURN FROM**
the holy commandment delivered
unto them.”

2 Peter 2:21



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“But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her **WALLOWING** in the mire.”

2 Peter 2:22



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**15. Does following Jesus
involve some struggle and
self denial?**



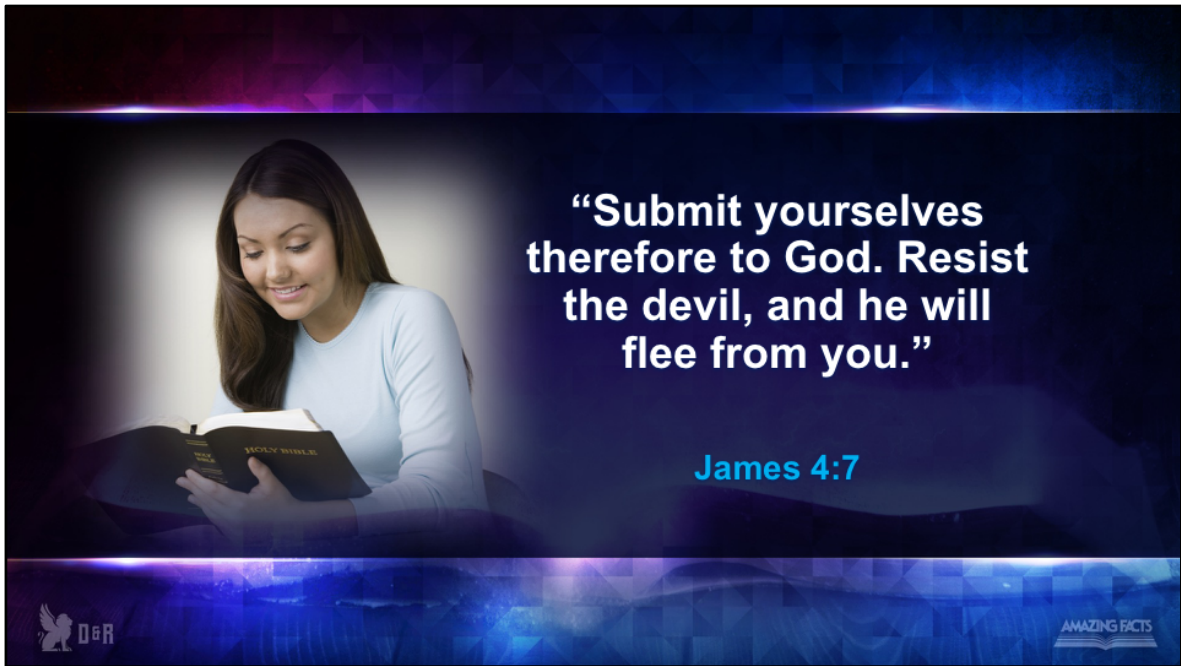
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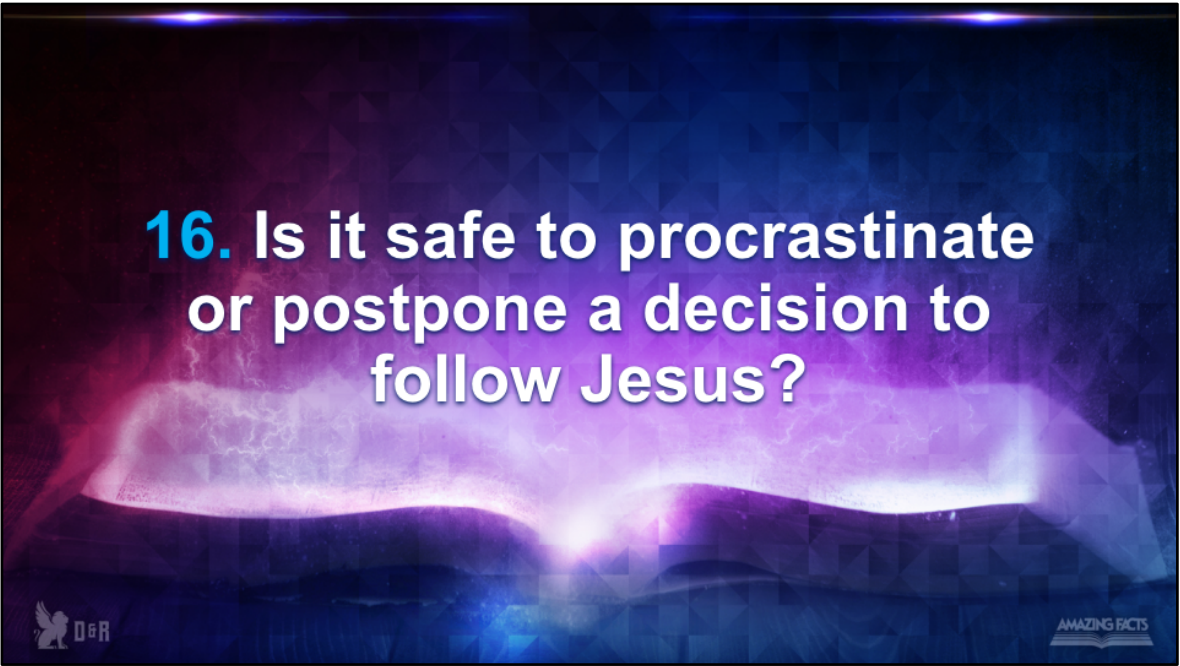
“If any man will come
after me, let him
DENY himself, and
take up his cross
daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23



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16. Is it safe to procrastinate
or postpone a decision to
follow Jesus?



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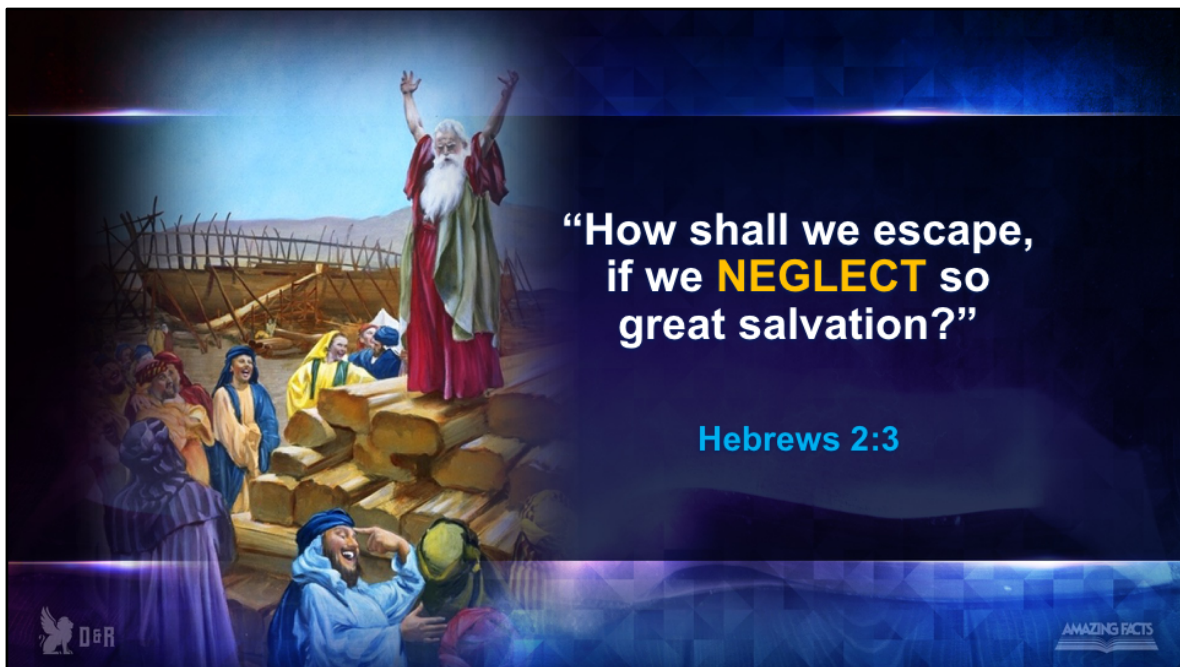


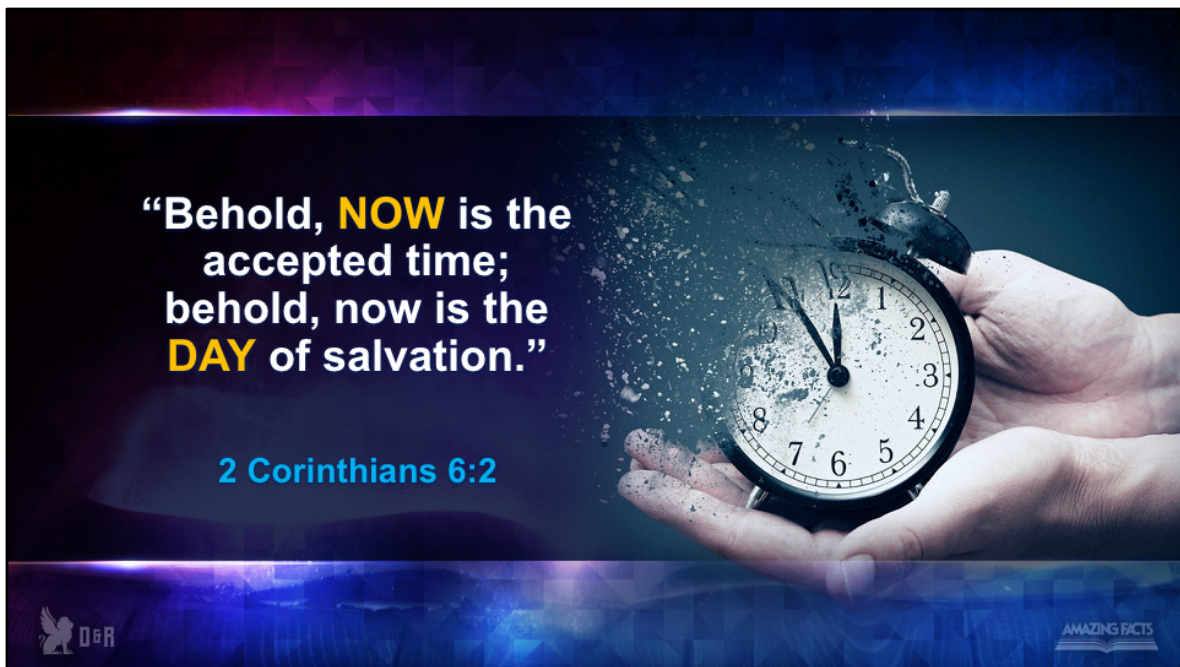
“Today if ye will **HEAR**
his voice, harden not
your hearts.”

Hebrews 4:7



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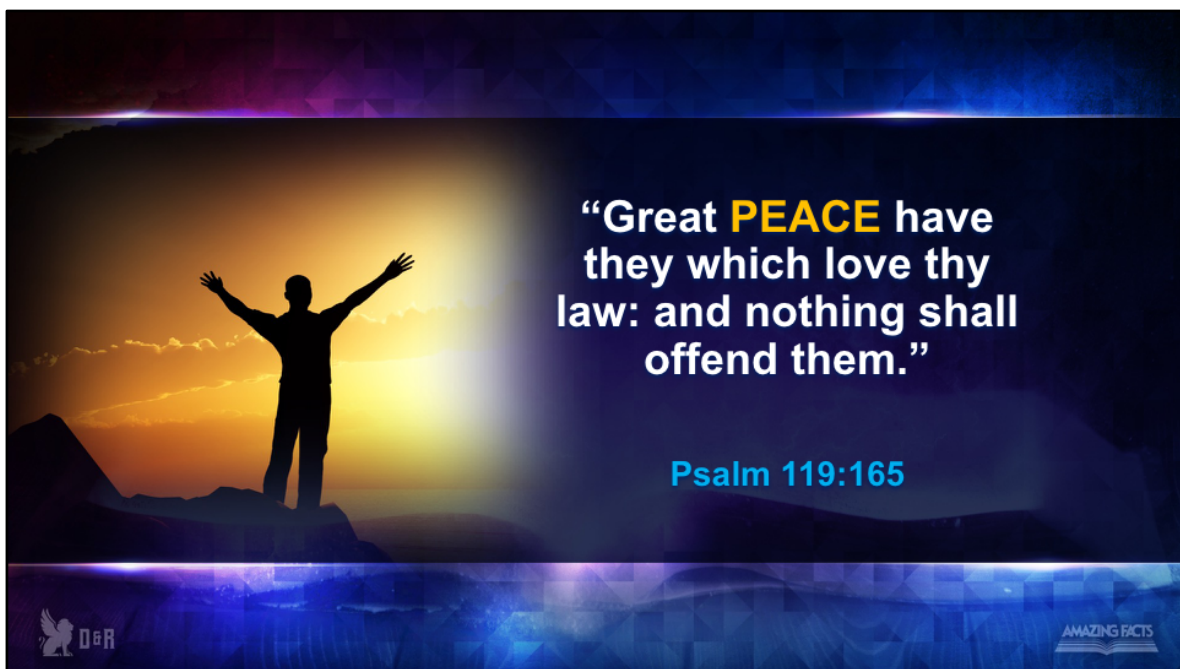
The best time to listen to God's voice is when you are hearing it, and the best time to do God's will is when He is showing you His will. Satan's favorite trap is to deceive people into thinking that they have plenty of time to make this decision. The devil knows that the convicting voice of God's Spirit will grow quiet if ignored. Untold millions will be lost who were sincerely planning to follow Jesus someday in the future, but "someday" never came.

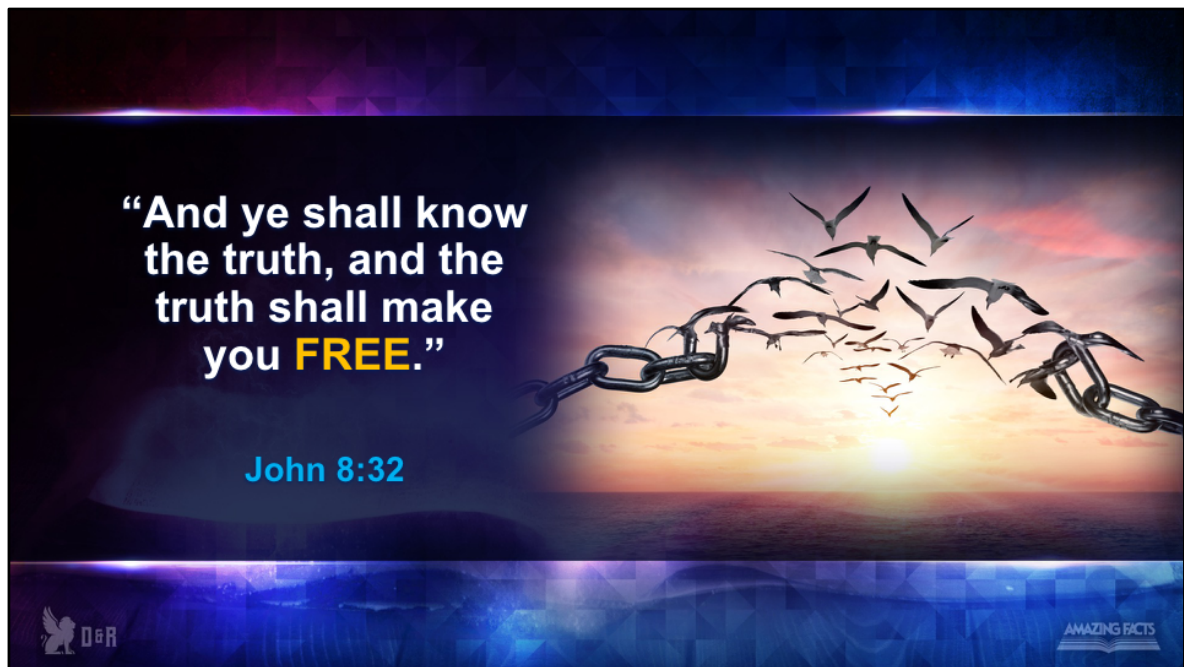
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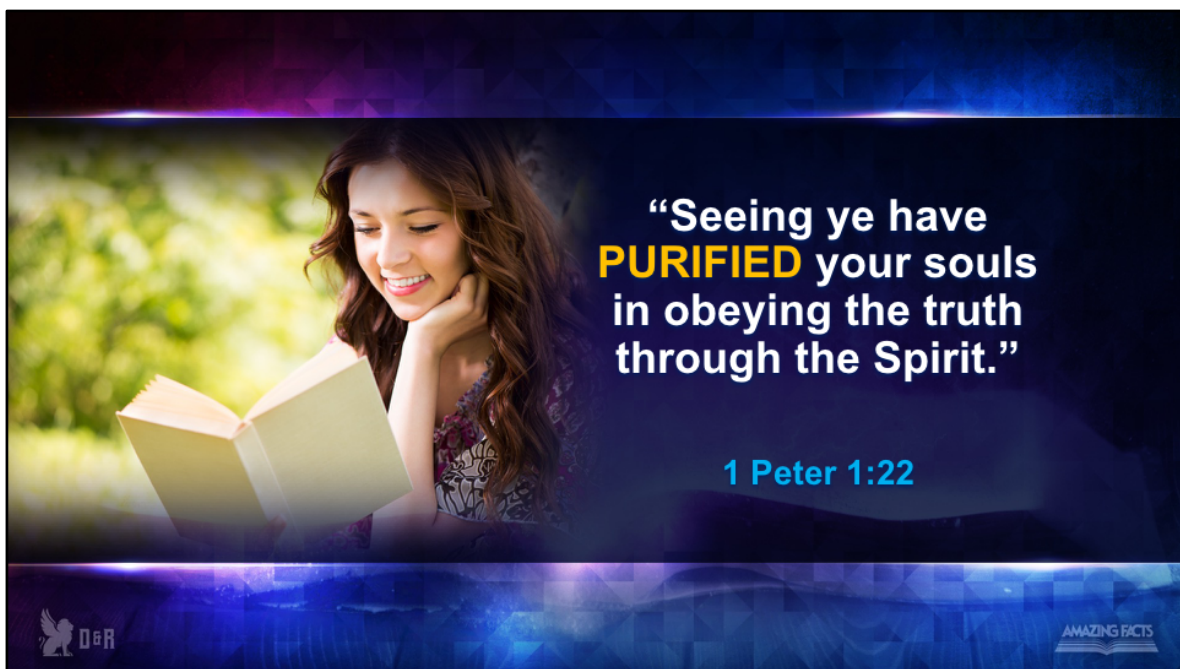
17. What benefits come as a result of accepting and following the truth?



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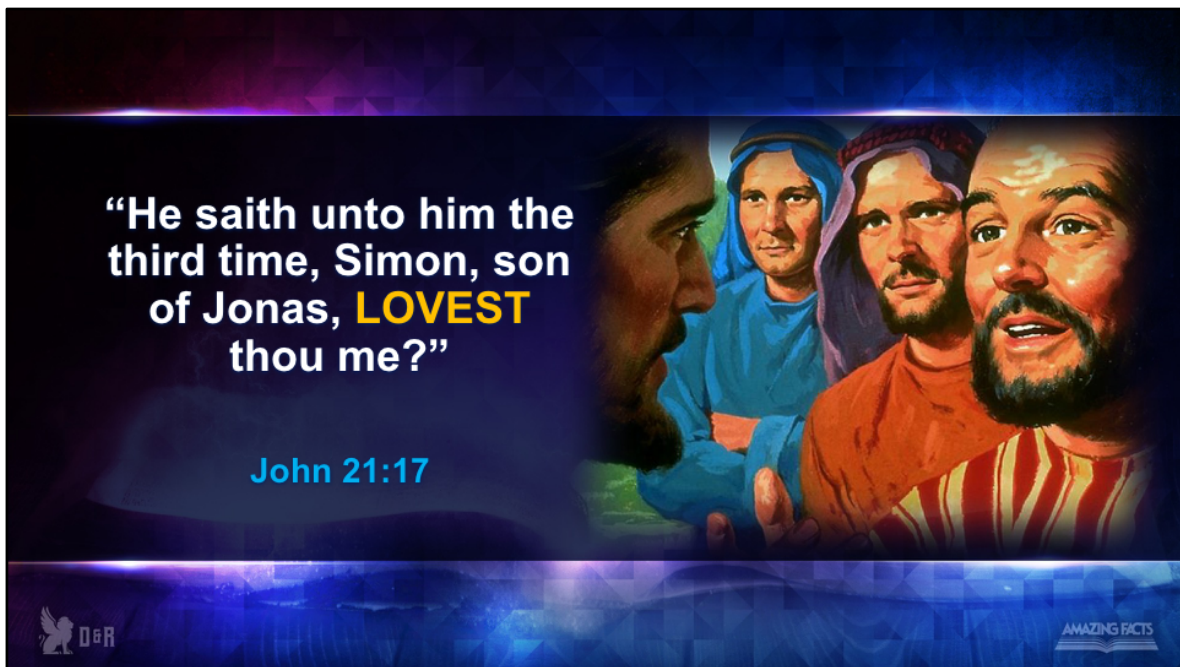
NOTE:

Tremendous peace, security, and freedom come into the hearts and lives of those who receive and obey the truth.

18. What question did Jesus ask Peter three times?




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NOTE:

This is the most important question when it comes to a full and complete surrender to the will of God. Do you love Him?



Your Response:

The truth will never be popular in this sinful world, and the crowd will almost always take the easy road. But Jesus has shown His incredible love for you by giving His life to pay the price for all your sins.

